President: You must ask that question to a judge and not to the Chief Secretary.

Statement, by caste, of appointments made by and on the recommendation of Mr. R. M. Statham.

24. * **Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of appointments made direct by Mr. R. M. Statham and those made by Government on his recommendation, after he assumed charge, till the 1st Medom last?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: The *statement is laid on the table.

Statement, by caste, of clerks in the High Court and District Courts.

25. * **Mr. Tariatu Kunjitommen**: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing separately the number of Syrian Catholics, Latin Catholics and members of other communities among clerks now in the High Court and in each of the District Courts?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: A †statement giving the information required is laid on the table.

Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai: May I know whether in view of the appointment of the Public Service Commissioner the answering of such questions is necessary?

President: I wish the Honourable member will appeal to the non-official members not to ask such questions in view of the appointment of the Public Service Commissioner. If they ask, Government are bound to answer.

Candidates for the recent V. S. L. C. Training Examination.

26. * **Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of candidates who appeared for the V. S. L. C. Training Examination this time; and

(*b*) the number among them who passed?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: (*a*) 1018.

(*b*) 432.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know what accounts for this larger percentage of failures?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: I am not aware that there is a larger percentage of failure.

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†*Vide* Appendix II at page 102.

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Appendix II.

(Vide **Answer to Question No. 25).**

Statement showing the number of Syrian and Latin Catholics and members of other communities among clerks now in the High Court and in each of the District Courts.

Name of Court.	No. of Roman Catholics.		Number of members in other communities.	Remarks.
	Syrian rite.	Latin rite.		
High Court	1	2	55	
District Court, Nagercoil	Nil	1	22	
Do Trivandrum	Nil	Nil	14	
Do. Quilon	Nil	Nil	23	
Do. Alleppey	Nil	Nil	15	
Do. Kottayam	1	1	21	
Do. Parur	1	Nil	14	
Total	3	4	164	

ANSWERING OF INTERPELLATIONS.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : With the permission of the Chair, I may make a statement. In spite of the assurance given that more questions will be answered we find that the assurance is not carried out. There are only 15 questions set apart for this day and the time taken is only 20 minutes. I request that at least in future the official members should be asked to answer more questions. As a matter of fact, I know that more than 200 questions have been sent by the various members. I do not know whether, at this rate, all the questions can be answered in this session. I request the President to make some arrangements for the future at least.

President : I have felt it myself both yesterday and to-day. There are such a small number of questions. Among the questions that are admitted as many as possible should be answered. I would therefore ask the Government members responsible for sending replies that they should be more prompt and alert. I hope we shall have a larger number of questions to be answered to-morrow.

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